
SENATE BILL 6252

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By Senators Morton and Schoesler

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1 AN ACT Relating to rabbits; adding a new section to chapter 16.49
2 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 69.07 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 16.49 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) This chapter does not apply to the slaughter and preparation of
7 one thousand or fewer rabbits in a calendar year by the agricultural
8 producer of the rabbits for the sale of whole raw rabbits by the
9 producer directly to the ultimate consumer at the producer's farm.

10 (2) For the purposes of this section, "rabbit" means the species
11 *Oryctolagus cuniculus*.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 69.07 RCW
13 to read as follows:

14 (1) A special, temporary permit issued by the department under this
15 section is required for the slaughter, preparation, and sale of one
16 thousand or fewer rabbits in a calendar year by the agricultural
17 producer of the rabbits for the sale of whole raw rabbits by the
18 producer directly to the ultimate consumer at the producer's farm.

1 These activities shall not be conducted without the permit. However,
2 if the activities are conducted under such a permit, the activities are
3 exempt from any other licensing requirements of this chapter.

4 (2)(a) The department must adopt by rule requirements for a
5 special, temporary permit for the activities described in subsection
6 (1) of this section. The requirements must be generally patterned
7 after those established by WAC 246-215-190 as it existed on July 27,
8 2003, for temporary food service establishments, but must be tailored
9 specifically to these slaughter, preparation, and sale activities. The
10 requirements must include, but are not limited to, those for: Cooling
11 procedures, when applicable; sanitary facilities, equipment, and
12 utensils; clean water; washing and other hygienic practices; and waste
13 and wastewater disposal.

14 (b) The rules must also identify the length of time such a permit
15 is valid. In determining the length of time, the department must take
16 care to ensure that it is adequate to accommodate the seasonal nature
17 of the permitted activities. In adopting any rule under this section,
18 the department must also carefully consider the economic constraints on
19 the regulated activity.

20 (3) The department shall conduct inspections of the activities
21 permitted under this section as are reasonably necessary to ensure
22 compliance with permit requirements.

23 (4) The fee for a special permit issued under this section is
24 seventy-five dollars.

25 (5) For the purposes of this section, "rabbit" means the species
26 *Oryctolagus cuniculus*.

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